

## Sewer

Proposed rates effective Jan. 1, 2011		1/1/2011
Group	Current	Proposed
I - Residential (flat monthly charge)	20.93	23.03
I - Multi-family (per unit of water usage)	2.41	2.65
II - Commercial (per unit of water usage)	1.96	2.16
III - Commercial (per unit of water usage)	2.98	3.28
IV - Commercial (per unit of water usage)	5.53	6.08
V - Other institutional (per unit of water usage)	1.87	2.06
V - Elementary school (per student)	0.43	0.47
V - Junior high school (per student)	0.64	0.70
V - High school (per student)	0.85	0.94
V - Boarding school (per student)	4.45	4.90
VI - Bio-Hydration Research Lab Inc. (per unit of water usage)	1.70	1.87

## Sewer and trash rates

Residential customers pay a flat monthly charge for sewer services while most non-residential customers pay a rate per volume of water usage. The proposed sewer rate increase is 10 percent for all sewer customers. The proposed rate increase is set to generate revenues for recovering costs associated with operations, maintenance, and replacement funding of the city's wastewater system, as well as establishing adequate operating reserves.

The proposed trash collection rate increase for residential and commercial customers is 2.65 percent. The proposed rate increase will raise the rate for a single-family customer from \$18.87 to \$19.37 a month. Commercial customer fees will vary depending on the size of the container(s) and the frequency of pick-ups.

## Sample of proposed 2011 rate increase\*

	Current	Maximum
Water	\$44.26	\$52.20
Sewer	\$20.93	\$23.03
Trash	\$18.87	\$19.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$84.06</b>	<b>\$94.60</b>

*\*Rated based on a single family home using a 5/8 inch meter, using 12 units of water.*

## More information

For more information about the proposed rate changes, contact the City of Carlsbad's utility billing department at **760-602-2403** or visit **[www.carlsbadca.gov/finance](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/finance)**.



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## Notice of public hearing on Proposed rate increases

**Tuesday, Nov. 23  
6 p.m.**

**City of Carlsbad  
City Council Chambers**  
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

*The rates for water, sewer and trash are proposed to increase. This notice has information on the proposed rate increases.*

**For more information** about the public hearing process or the proposed water, sewer and trash rate increases, call 760-602-2403, or visit the city's website, **[www.carlsbadca.gov/finance](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/finance)**.



# 2011 proposed water, sewer and trash rate increases

The City of Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District are preparing for an increase in water, sewer and trash rates. If the City Council and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District Board of Directors approve these changes on 11/23/2010, the new rates will be effective 1/1/2011 and will be reflected on customers' February 2011 bills.

## Water rates

There are two components to the water rates charged by the city: the delivery charge and the usage charge. The delivery charge is a monthly fixed charge based on the size of the meter. The usage charge is based on the amount of water used by water system customers. The proposed rate increase for the residential and non-residential delivery charges and usage charges is 18 percent.

The City of Carlsbad relies on imported water for 100 percent of its potable water supply. The primary reason for the proposed water rate increase is the increasing cost of purchasing imported water.

In addition, the proposed rates will cover the costs of operations, maintenance and replacement funding of the city's water system, as well as establishing adequate operating reserves.

## Residential water rates

The usage charges for residential customers are tiered to help promote water conservation.

- The first tier is for the first 12 units (1 unit = 748 gallons) per month.
- The second tier rate applies to all water usage of more than 12 units and up to 20 units per month.
- The third tier applies to all water usage of more than 20 units per month.

The proposed water rate increases will raise the water rate for a typical single family household, with a 5/8 inch meter and using 12 units, by \$7.94 per month (from \$44.26 to \$52.20). The exact amount of the increase will vary among customers depending on actual water usage. Multi-family tiers and rates are found on the table to the right.

## Commercial, agriculture, recycled and irrigation rates

Non-residential customers have different water usage needs than residential customers; therefore, the usage rate is a flat per unit rate rather than a tiered rate. The delivery charge is also a flat rate based on meter size.

The per unit cost increase for non-residential customers is a proposed increase of 18 percent:

- Non-residential and agriculture rates would go from \$2.64 to \$3.12 per unit.
- Irrigation rate would go from \$2.97 to \$3.50 per unit.
- Recycled water rate would go from \$2.52 to \$2.97 per unit.

## Water

Proposed rates effective Jan. 1, 2011

Delivery charge – monthly Meter size	Current	1/1/2011 Proposed
5/8"	16.78	19.80
3/4"	21.18	24.99
1"	30.25	35.70
1.5"	53.08	62.63
2"	80.30	94.75
2.5"	116.05	136.94
3"	152.90	180.42
4"	234.58	276.80
6"	461.73	544.84
8"	733.98	866.10
10"	1,051.88	1,241.22
<b>Single-family rates</b>		
Tier 1 (0-12 units)	2.29	2.70
Tier 2 (13-20 units)	2.95	3.48
Tier 3 (21+ units)	4.02	4.74
<b>Multi-family rates</b>		
Tier 1 (0-5 units)	1.93	2.28
Tier 2 (6-10 units)	2.18	2.57
Tier 3 (11+ units)	2.59	3.06
<b>Commercial/non-residential</b>	2.64	3.12
<b>Agricultural rates</b>	2.64	3.12
<b>Irrigation rate</b>	2.97	3.50
<b>Recycled rates</b>	2.52	2.97

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